


UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency
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Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

ARKANSAS NOTICE FLP-91

For: County Offices

Secretarial Natural Disaster Determination S1738

Approved by:  State Executive Director

1 Overview

A Purpose

The purpose of this notice is to advise those counties where Farm Service Agency (FSA) Emergency Loan Assistance (EM) is available to eligible family farmers and ranchers.

B Contact

If there are questions regarding this notice:

County Offices shall contact Tom Howard, Farm Loan Programs Specialist, at 501-301-3035 or Email: tom.howard@ar.usda.gov

2 Action

A Disaster Area

Effective January 15, 2003, Louisiana Parishes were designated as a natural disaster area due to damages and losses caused by excessive rain, that occurred from September 16, 2002, and continuing.

Disposal

April 1, 2004

Distribution

All County Offices

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2 Action (Continued)

In accordance with Section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, the following counties in Arkansas are named as contiguous disaster counties:

Ashley Chicot Union

B Application Processing

Emergency loan applications will be received through September 15, 2003, and applications pending on that date may be processed and completed. EM loans will be made under 3-FLP Direct Loan Making.

This notification is coded S1738.

Also, for the purpose of establishing security values as set forth in 3-FLP, paragraph 171 when determining loan security values for loan applications, the beginning date of the incidence period is September 16, 2002.

Farm Loan Managers will ensure that the notification and coordination actions are taken. Designated counties and adjoining counties will send a copy of the attached news release to all media in the county. (See attached Exhibit 1)

C Filing Instructions

In offices with FmHA procedure, file this notice preceding 1945-D. Otherwise, file chronological order with FLP series notices.

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Arkansas Counties Eligible for USDA Emergency Farm Loans

Washington, D. C., January 15, 2003 -- Administrator James R. Little named several Parishes in Louisiana eligible for Farm Service Agency (FSA) emergency (EM) physical loss loans due to damages and losses caused by excessive rain, that occurred from September 16, 2002, and continuing.

In addition to the above counties that are named as the primary disaster area, the following Arkansas counties are also eligible, because they are contiguous. Those counties are:

Ashley

Chicot

Union

Farmers in the disaster areas have until September 15, 2003, to apply for the loans to help cover part of their actual losses. To be eligible, producers must have suffered severe physical losses, be able to repay the loan and any other loans, be unable to obtain credit elsewhere, and have adequate security.

Additional information regarding eligibility and other loan requirements may be obtained by contacting your local FSA county office. The Farm Service Agency is an Equal Opportunity Lender.